



## AMERICAN FOOD PRICES HIGHER THAN IN HEART OF HOSTILITIES

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Food riots in New York. Hundreds of women charging the city hall, with cries of "We want bread!" Attacks on push carts and produce stands in the tenement districts. An appeal sent to every state in the union to rush food supplies to New York.

A famine in New England. Sugar selling at 12 cents a pound in Boston and potatoes at \$1 a peck. A mandatory order issued to the railroads by the interstate commerce commission that 750 cars be furnished weekly to haul flour and grainstuffs to Boston from Minneapolis, with a blockade on export business.

More than 600 homesteaders reported starving in southwestern Colorado, with an emergency appeal to the state legislature for their relief.

Cabbages selling on the farm in Texas at \$150 a ton—ten times the normal price. Potatoes on the Chicago market held at 90 cents a peck. Killing frosts reported from the early fruit and vegetable district of eastern Florida. Winter wheat all through the west reported by experts to be in bad condition.

**Meat Raise Coming**  
Yesterday large consumers of meat, who buy on monthly contracts, received word that for the coming 30 days prices on practically every variety and cut would be raised, some of them as much as 40 per cent. Within a week this increase will begin to be felt by the small domestic consumer.

For more than 25 years Bradstreet has kept a careful record of the range of prices on all household necessities. It condenses all these prices into a single figure, which is called the index figure. The lowest figure is that of 1896, which is set at 5.9124. The highest for a complete year is that of 1916, which is 11.8251. That shows a jump of 100 per cent in 20 years.

But that does not begin to tell the story. More than half of that great increase has come since the war started in 1914. The index figure for 1916 is more than 50 per cent larger than it was only two years ago. The index figure for February, 1917, is 25 per cent larger than it was only one year ago.

**Belligerents Pay Less**  
Under the control of the respective governments the prices of most commodities in Europe are lower than in the United States.

That is the situation which the people of the United States face after nearly three years of war in Europe. How far is the enormous increase of living costs due to the war, to the huge exports of foodstuffs and other products? How far is in the result of manipulation on the part of dealers and speculators?

How far is the present alarming situation due to the shortage of railroad freight cars, to the breakdown of the transportation facilities of the country?

There are in Chicago elevators and standing in freight cars on the tracks some 40,000,000 bushels of wheat. About half of that wheat is sold for export.

There are now needed in Chicago for the shipment of wheat, the delivery time of which is past due—some of it months past the contract delivery time—more than 20,000 freight cars. To load wheat, the contract delivery time of which is almost expired, at least 20,000 more freight cars are needed.

And Chicago cannot get a single car. President Griffin, of the board of trade, who is handling the situation personally, is hopeful of relief within the next few weeks. But he must wait on the pleasure of the interstate commerce commission.

It has been announced from Washington that the federal trade commission will make a searching investigation into the causes of present high prices for food products and other necessities. Some material has already been gathered and agents are now at work looking into the charges of speculation and price manipulation.

It is expected that within the next month the reorganized commission—it is now minus two members—will hold hearings in Chicago. If

It is decided to start criminal proceedings, these hearings will not be public.

**Maximum Price**  
As a result of the recent investigation of the newspaper paper situation by the commission, the paper manufacturers have agreed to sell their product at a maximum price to be fixed by the commission. It is suggested that a similar agreement with food dealers and manufacturers may be possible. Maximum prices for all sorts of food are fixed by the governments of the warring powers in Europe. Some such action may become necessary in the United States.

Another possibility is that the commission may recommend the

passage of at least a limited embargo on certain food products and manufactured goods. An embargo would be opposed by the farmers and producers and, in the present state of international affairs, would be bitterly resented by the entente

**Cities Plan Relief**  
In some parts of the country municipal governments are acting directly to relieve the local distress. In New York the city plans to go into the retail milk business. In Kansas City an ordinance goes into force March 1, under which eggs, fruits and vegetables, with few exceptions, must be sold by net weight, except of by the dozen or package.

## PRODUCTION OF POTASH TREBLES IN THE COURSE OF ONE YEAR

Statistics of the production of potash in the United States in 1916 are nearly complete, only a few of the important known producers having failed to report to the United States Geological Survey, department of the interior. The following preliminary estimate is believed to be approximately correct. Complete figures will be published later when all the returns have been received.

The total production of potash salts and potash products in the United States in 1916 was close to 10,000 tons of potash (K<sub>2</sub>O), with a net value at point of shipment of at least \$3,500,000, figured at the prevailing prices. This is ten times the value of the production reported for 1915, but the figures submitted by many of the producers represent only a start made toward the end of 1916. The total for 1917 is therefore likely to be much greater.

The largest output has come from the Nebraska alkali lakes, but the natural saline deposits elsewhere are now just beginning to make important contributions. The fig-

ures for potash derived from alunite, of which there is only one important producer, are combined with those for available potash in cement-kiln, flue-dust, greensand, and feldspar recoveries, in order not to disclose figures given in confidence. These do not include a considerable quantity of feldspar said to have been mined and prepared for possible use for the sake of the potash it contains.

The production of potash from organic sources is about half that from mineral sources. The recovery of potash from peat is an old established industry. A great deal of publicity has attended the efforts to obtain potash from kelp, but a similar organic source of high-grade potash salts has been quietly developed, which has proved more production. Indeed, the reported production of a single establishment outranked the entire product of potash from kelp plants.

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### THE HOUSEWIFE GETS HER MONEY'S WORTH

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For Associated Press news read the Bonanza.

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### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE WEST END CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916

Location of mine, Tonopah Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada.  
**DEBIT**  
December 31, 1916, to cash on hand \$122,692.62  
To amount received from other sources 756,459.09  
**CREDIT**  
Mine expense in year 1916 \$618,000.00  
General expense in year 1916 39,747.23  
Paid dividends in year 1916 89,424.30  
Balance on hand December 31, 1916 133,070.12  
GEORGE C. ELLIS, Secretary.  
Address: Syndicate Building, Oakland, California.

### ASSESSMENT NOTICE

**UMATILLA TONOPAH MINING COMPANY**  
Location of principal place of business and location of works, Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 1st day of February, 1917, an assessment (No. 19) of one-half (1/2) cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at 265 Russ Building, San Francisco, California. Any stock upon which this assess-

ment shall remain unpaid on the 15th day of March, 1917, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday, the 18th day of April, 1917, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors.  
CHARLES D. OLNEY,  
Secretary.  
Office Room 265 Russ Building, San Francisco, California. Feb 8-113

### ASSESSMENT NOTICE TONOPAH BONANZA MINING COMPANY

Location of principal place of business, Tonopah, Nevada. Location of work, Esmeralda county, Nevada. Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 1st day of February, 1917, an assessment (No. 4) of one (1) cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at 365 Bush street, San Francisco, California. Any stock upon which this assess-

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